## **SHORT BIO**



## **Bart De Wever**

Bart De Wever (born 1970) has been serving as Prime Minister of Belgium since February 3, 2025, becoming the first Flemish nationalist to hold this position in the Belgian federal government. He previously served as Mayor of Antwerp from January 2013 until February 2025, and now still holds the title of titular mayor. Before his premiership, De Wever led the New Flemish Alliance (N-VA) political party, for over 20 years.

Bart studied history at the University of Antwerp and the KU Leuven. He started his career as a Teaching Assistant (TA) at KU Leuven. After the dissolution of the People's Union (VU), he was one of the founders of the New Flemish Alliance (N-VA). He chose to put aside his academic career and devote himself fully to politics. From 2004 on, he has served various terms as a member of the Flemish Parliament, the Chamber of Representatives and the Senate.

Bart De Wever succeeded in making the N-VA the largest party of Flanders. Its ideology is based on modern conservative and free enterprise economical views. The N-VA stands for a fiscally responsible and realistic socio-economic policy that protects the interests of all those who work, create, innovate, invest and stimulate business.

De Wever wrote columns for various newspapers and has published several books, including the popular essays 'On identity' and 'On woke'. He is fascinated by Ancient Rome. His historical knowledge and Latin quotes are legendary. Today, he lives in Deurne, together with his wife Veerle and their four children. He is a teetotaler, likes running and has completed several marathons, including the iconic Athens marathon.